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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE PLO ISSUE AT GENEVA LAW OF WAR
CONFERENCE

1. N.Y. TIMES OF JAN. 22 CARRIED FOLLOWING REPORT: "P.L.O
SEEKS TO BE A PARTY TO TREATIES ON WAR VICTIMS -- GENEVA,
JAN. 21 -- THE SWISS FOREIGN MINISTRY SAID TODAY THAT IT
HAD UNDER STUDY A BID BY THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZA-
TION TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A PARTY TO THE FOUR 1949 GENEVA
CONVENTIONS ON THE PROTECTION OF WAR VICTIMS.

"THE ORGANIZATION HAD GIVEN FORMAL NOTICE OF ITS ACCEPT-
ANCE OF THE CONVENTIONS, OR TREATIES, IN A LETTER ADDRESSED
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TO THE SWISS GOVERNMENT AS THE DESIGNATED AUTHORITY FOR

RECEIVING NOTIFICATIONS OF ADHERENCE. THE LETTER WAS SENT IN DECEMBER.

"A FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT SUCH A NOTICE HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM AN ORGANIZATION NOT CLAIMING TO BE A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT.

"THE NOTIFICATION WAS SEEN BY SOME DIPLOMATIC SOURCES HERE AS A PRELIMINARY MOVE TO AN ATTEMPT BY THE ORGANIZATION TO WIN ACCEPTANCE AS A FULL MEMBER AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE THAT IS TO MEET HERE ON FEB. 3 TO UPDATE THE 1949 PACTS."

2. URGENTLY REQUEST ANY INFORMATION ON THIS INCLUDING CONFIRMATION OF REPORT, TEXT OF PURPORTED PLO ACCESSION (INCLUDING ANY RESERVATIONS) AND LIKELY SWISS ATTITUDE. KISSINGER

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